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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	P01587-2
First Inventor	John. G. Petersen
Title	"Manhole Debris Catching System"
Express Mail Label No.	EV313994839US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  **Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 54]
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [ Total Sheets 6 ]
5. Oath or Declaration & **Power of Attorney**
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of (when there is an assignee)  Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation    Divisional    Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09, 921769

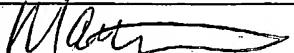
Prior application information:

Examiner: Thomas M. Lithgow

Group Art Unit: 1724

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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## REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION-IN-PART of related application serial number 09/921,768, filed 08/03/01, entitled "MANHOLE DEBRIS-CATCHING SYSTEM", which is related to prior provisional application Serial Number 60/228,355, filed 08/28/00, entitled "DYNAMIC DEBRIS SHIELD", all of the above, by the following named inventors (2):

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- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.
- Please use our Customer No. 28548 in connection with this application.

Enclosed is an acknowledgment postcard and:

- (1) Utility Patent Application Transmittal with forwarding letter (3 pages)
- (2) Specification (54 pages total); 17 Claims; 4 independent and 13 dependent
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney
- (4) Six (6) Sheets of Drawings

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.10 and 1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of July 07, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.



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No multiple dependent Claims are presented. A \$417.00 check is enclosed to cover the filing fee on the application.

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If there are any further fees necessitated by the foregoing communication not covered by the enclosed check, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1887, referencing our Docket No. P01587-2, or if the amount submitted herewith is greater than the amount required, please credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1887, referencing our Docket No. P01587-2.

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